

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** fighting fires is one of the most hazardous professions, requiring extensive training, strength and endurance, courage, and a selfless concern for the welfare of our citizens; and

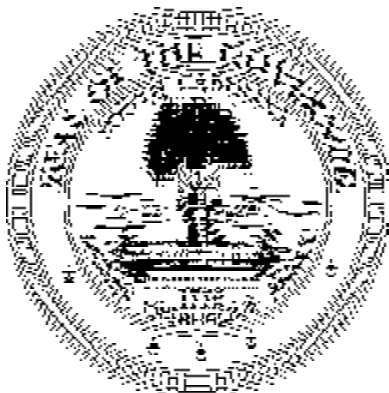
**WHEREAS,** in addition to their daily service to our communities, firefighters throughout South Carolina and across the nation have joined the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) for the past 49 years in the fight against neuromuscular diseases; and

**WHEREAS,** in 2003, South Carolina firefighters will help MDA "Fill the Boot" as they work to collect funds to assist in providing medical services at local clinics, summer camps, research grants, support groups, and public education seminars for children and families.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim August 2003 as

### FIREFIGHTER APPRECIATION MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize and honor our firefighters for their efforts to keep our citizens safe and to help raise awareness of neuromuscular diseases.



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**MARK SANFORD**  
**GOVERNOR**  
**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA**